

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for one's fellow man; and,

Whereas, In 1925, Roy Rogers Norman married Edith Mae Fackelman, and to that union five children were born: Philip, Gaylord, Regina, Velma, and Albert, and the couple began their life together operating their 12,000- to 15,000-acre ranch and 5,200-acre farm layout; and,

Whereas, Roy and Edith were community leaders in Stanley and Haakon Counties and West Central, South Dakota, never failing to help a neighbor in need, helping to bring electricity and telephone service to the area, organizing the 4-Corners Lighted Baseball Association, the "Old Stanley County Historical Society", and the Verendrye Museum; and,

Whereas, In 1975, Roy and Edith began devoting much of their time and money to marking the location of the old west trails throughout South Dakota, by personally digging post holes and painting signs marking the route of the old Deadwood Trail; and,

Whereas, Roy and Edith spent years researching old surveyor maps developed in the 1880s and marked several old mail routes, wagon trails, army trails, Indian trails, and stagecoach trails that crisscrossed the prairie; and,

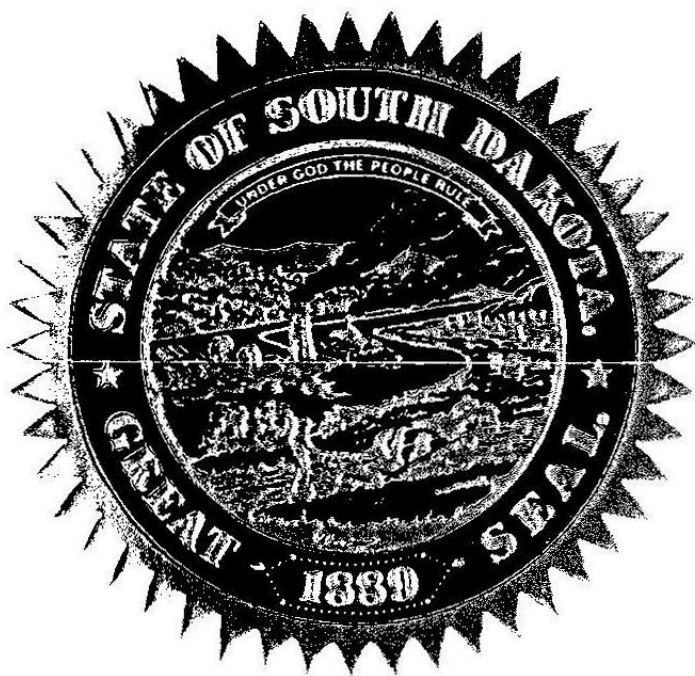
Whereas, For the Roy Norman family and their descendants, the prairie grass and farm fields in rural Stanley County have not only provided the means to make a living and run a business, but they have also played an integral role in providing for a meaningful and important way of life; and,

Whereas, The Roy Norman family will join with friends and participants of The Historic Fort Pierre - Deadwood Trail Ride 2008 to celebrate this historic event starting in Ft. Pierre, South Dakota, on July 29, 2008, and ending in Deadwood, South Dakota, on August 15, 2008, and it is fitting and proper for the governor to recognize this milestone event and the family who helped to make it possible:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 31, 2008, as

ROY NORMAN FAMILY DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State